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SUBJECT: KOREA CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS AND SECRETARY'S
LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 1989, PORT OF SPAIN 1990

1. IN VIEW OF MY CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS
UPON DELIVERY OF THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL LETTER ON THE
KOREA AND PUERTO RICO ISSUES (REF A), AND ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS
KOREA CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS HERE (REF B) REGARDING
REPRESENTATIONS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT, I
URGENTLY NEED GUIDANCE ON DEGREE TO WHICH I CAN INFORM
CORE GROUP COLLEAGUES OF HIGH-LEVEL USG APPROACH BY THE
SECRETARY.

2. DR. WILLIAMS INFORMED ME HE WOULD BE TURNING OVER
SECRETARY'S LETTER TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON KOREA. THUS IT IS
ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT OUR WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES
INVOLVED IN COORDINATING REPRESENTATIONS TO GOTT ON
KOREA WILL IN TIME LEARN OF OUR SEPARATE DEMARCHE.
I BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE THAT I BE ABLE TO INFORM
CORE GROUP AMBASSADORS PRIOR TO FINAL DECISION ON GROUP
REPRESENTATION AUGUST 4 SINCE TO NOT DO SO WILL INEVITABLY
APPEAR AS BAD FAITH WHEN LETTER BECOMES KNOWN IN FUTURE.

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3. FURTHERMORE, PRIME MINISTER'S REACTION TO SECRETARY'S LETTER IS RELEVANT TO FEARS EXPRESSED BY SOME CORE GROUP MEMBERS (PARTICULARLY CANADA) THAT WESTERN REPRESENTATIONS WOULD CREATE ADVERSE REACTION BY PRIME MINISTER. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS ARE OF COURSE COLORED BY FACT PRIME MINISTER HAS NEVER RECEIVED HIM. I CONCLUDE THAT SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS MOST USEFUL, BUT THAT FOLLOW-UP AT FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL IS IMPORTANT AND TIMELY AND THAT THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVELY DONE BY JAPANESE CHARGE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL CORE GROUP COUNTRIES AND LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE AS NOW TENTATIVELY BEING CONSIDERED BY CORE GROUP HERE.

4. REQUEST PERMISSION TO INFORM MY CORE GROUP COLLEAGUES (CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, GERMANY) THAT A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WHICH INTER ALIA SUPPORTS CORE GROUP DIALOGUE ON KOREA. I WOULD ALSO PROPOSE TO BRIEF CORE GROUP ON PRIME MINISTER'S REACTION WITHOUT PROVIDING TEXT OF LETTER OR DISCUSSING OTHER ASPECTS CONTAINED THEREIN BESIDES KOREA. IF I MAY NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM ENTIRE CORE GROUP, BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT I AT LEAST BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH CONVENE (CANADA) AND JAPANESE CHARGE (WHO WILL BE MAKING THE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOTT ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLAN). PLEASE REPLY IN TIME FOR ME TO HAVE MESSAGE TUESDAY A.M. AUGUST 3.
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